GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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AIRCRAFT HITS TRACTOR AT GOA AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that an Indian Aircraft hits tractor at Goa Airport and flies without the mandatory inspection;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government against those who are responsible for the incident?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Indian Airlines A-300 aircraft VT-EHC while operating flight IC-598 from Goa to Mumbai on 06.11.2004 was involved in a ground incident. After taxi clearance was given, the aircraft started rolling. The nose wheel tyre of the aircraft came in contact with the tow bar of the ground power unit (GPU)and rear wheel of the tractor, which had not cleared the area at that point of time. The Aircraft was immediately stopped and the inspection of its nose wheel area was carried out by the Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME) of Indian Airlines. No physical damage was observed. Subsequently, the aircraft was released for flight.

(c):- The concerned AME has been warned to be more careful in future for failure of adhering to the standard departure guide-lines leading to this incident.